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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of July 9, 1964, requesting that this Bureau investigate the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald, either alone or with others, may have distributed Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature in the vicinity of a United States aircraft carrier which was docked in New Orleans, Louisiana, approximately June, 1963.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated July 16, 1964, at Washington, D. C., and two copies of a memorandum dated July 22, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which set forth results of our inquiries in this matter. You will note in the enclosed memorandum of July 22, 1964, it is reported that Patrolman Girod Ray, Harbor Police, New Orleans, Louisiana, stated he believes Lee Harvey Oswald distributed literature in the vicinity of the Dumaine Street Wharf in New Orleans. You will also note that copies of the literature obtained by Patrolman Ray from the individual he believes to be Oswald are included in our memorandum of July 22, 1964.

In connection with the handbill made available by Patrolman Ray, entitled "HANDS OFF CUBA!" which he obtained from the individual he believes to be Lee Harvey Oswald, your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Warren C. deBrueys dated December 8, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, in the Oswald case which sets out data on pages 393 through 401

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regarding the handbill containing the same caption "HANDS OFF CUBA!" which was ordered by Lee Harvey Oswald from the Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. A copy of this handbill entitled "HANDS OFF CUBA!" and copies of other literature ordered by Oswald in connection with his Fair Play for Cuba Committee activities in New Orleans, have been furnished to the Commission in our Evidence Exhibit Number D-31.

This concludes our investigation in this particular matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)